

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/26/2229/TPO

Location: LAND AT PALLADIUM GROUNDS, ST GEORGES ROAD, MILLOM.

Officer: Demi Crawford

Date: 26 August 2026

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
5x Sycamore & 1x Ash	Crown lift of one Ash tree and five Sycamore trees situated within a Conservation Area.
REASON	
'WORKS To Crown lift the line of trees along the boundary of the Palladium grounds, some branches are overbearing the carriageway they are all Sycamores apart from 1 Ash nearest the Palladium, this Ash has a very heavy branch which needs removed as it is in risk of collapsing due to its weight, this Ash has evidence of previous branch drop also.'	

DISCUSSION

The trees are in the mature age category and show signs of normal vitality.

From the Cumberland Council website ([My Neighbourhood](#)), the site falls within the Millom Conservation Area. A Tree Preservation Order (TPO) does not protect the trees.

We consider the work detailed in the application reasonable to prevent the trees becoming a nuisance.

The applicant does not give a specification for the level of clearance over the road or if the pruning will be carried out in accordance with the British Standard (BS39987:2010).

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows the trees definitely merit a TPO, but given the work the applicant is proposing, we consider it is unwarranted at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Please ask the applicant to clarify the extent of the pruning clearance over the road, specifying the proposed clearance distance in metre. This is so the works can be measured once they've been carried out.

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TEMPO Assessment					
Part 1: Amenity Assessment					
a) Condition & Suitability:	5-Good = <i>Highly Suitable</i> 3-Fair/Satisfactory = <i>Suitable</i> 1-Poor = Unlikely to be <i>suitable</i> 0-Dead/dying/dangerous = <i>Unsuitable</i>	5	b) Retention span (in years) & suitability for TPO:	5-100+ = <i>Highly Suitable</i> 4-40-100 = <i>Very suitable</i> 2-20-40 = <i>Suitable</i> 1-10-20 = <i>Just suitable</i> 0-<10 = <i>Unsuitable</i>	4
c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO:	5-Very large with some visibility, or prominent large trees = <i>Highly Suitable</i> 4-Large trees, or medium trees clearly visible to the public = <i>Suitable</i> 3-Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only = <i>Suitable</i> 2-Young, small, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty = <i>Barely suitable</i> 1-Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size = <i>Unsuitable</i>	4	d) Other factors – trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify:	5-Principal components of formal arboricultural features, or veteran trees 4-Tree groups, or principal members of groups important for their cohesion 3-Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance 2-Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual 1-Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features (inc. those of indifferent form) -1-Trees with poor form or which are generally unsuitable for their location	4
Part 2: Expediency Assessment trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify:			Part 3: Decision guide		
5-Immediate threat to tree inc. s.211 Notice 3-Foreseeable threat to tree 2- Perceived threat to tree 1-Precautionary only	1	Any 0 = <i>Do not apply TPO</i> 1-6 = <i>TPO indefensible</i> 7-11 = <i>Does not merit TPO</i> 12-15 = <i>TPO defensible</i> 16+ = <i>Definitely merits TPO</i>			18